

**15<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

The 73rd Independence Day of India, was celebrated at the University of Jammu with great enthusiasm & patriotic fervor. A huge gathering of teaching faculty, officers, staff, family members of the employees, students and scholars of University of Jammu participated in the function. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu hoisted the National Flag at the Fountain Plaza and released the Tri-Colour Balloons. Prof. Dhar, while greeting the University fraternity, spoke about the spirit of nationalism, integrity, peace and brotherhood. He asserted that Educational Institutions, particularly Universities have a larger role in shaping the future generations for a progressive Nation. Prof. Manoj Dhar congratulated all on the Golden Jubilee year of the University of Jammu, which has traveled a long way and carved a niche for itself in academics, research and community reach-out activities. Earlier Prof. Jasbir Singh, Dean Students Welfare, delivered the welcome address. He invoked the spirit of patriotism not for just a day but for year long and forever. At the arrival of the Vice-Chancellor, Guard of Honour was presented by the Jammu University Security Guards led by Capt. S.R. Dubey, Security Officer. On this occasion, Cultural items were presented by the wards of University employees. Kamya Langer presented a patriotic song and Manmeet Kour recited self-written poem. Prominent amongst those who attended the function included Dr. Meenakshi Kilam (Registrar), Prof. Kulwant Singh, (Controller Examinations) Prof. R. K. Ganjoo (Director, College Development Council), Deans, Rectors, Directors and faculty members of the University. Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Chairman Campus Culture Committee presented the formal vote of thanks whereas the programme was conducted by Sumeet Sharma and coordinated by Ifra Kak. The sound was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur and Arif Paul. Sweets were also distributed on the occasion.